

In re the Application of:)
 TSUGANE et al.)
 Serial No. 09/759,715)
 Filed: January 13, 2001)
 For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS)
 FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Magee, Thomas J.

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 3, 2003

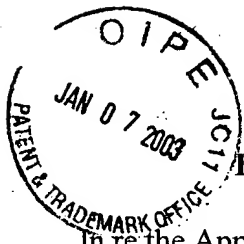
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the time for response being extended three months by the enclosed petition for extension of time, please enter and consider the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first paragraph, starting at page 1, line 6 and ending at page 1, line 16, and insert the following in its place:

--Japanese patent application no. 2000-5336, filed January 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/759,665 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/759,666 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/759,915 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-14 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows: